

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

9. (New) A restraint system, comprising:

a restraining device which includes at least one acceleration-sensitive sensor, and at least one additional sensor, the at least one additional sensor including an electroacoustic transducer which is sensitive to ultrasonic waves, which are generated in the event of an accident, the electroacoustic transducer configured to generate an output signal from which a deployment criterion for the restraining device is derivable.

10. (New) The restraint system as recited in claim 9, wherein the electroacoustic transducer is an ultrasonic sensor.

11. (New) The restraint system as recited in claim 10, wherein a threshold value is predefinable for the output signal of the ultrasonic sensor, and wherein the output signal exceeding the threshold value is assessed as a deployment criterion for the restraining device.

12. (New) The restraint system as recited in claim 10, further comprising:

an arrangement configured for generating a deployment criterion for the restraining device, the arrangement configured to subject the output signal of the ultrasonic signal to at least one of an integration, a window integration and bandpass filtering.

13. (New) The restraint system as recited in claim 10, wherein the ultrasonic sensor is situated in a first airbag control unit.

14. (New) The restraint system as recited in claim 10, wherein the ultrasonic sensor is situated in an airbag control unit which is responsible for sensing passengers.

15. (New) The restraint system as recited in claim 10, wherein the ultrasonic sensor is situated in the vehicle, spatially separated from a first airbag control unit and a second airbag control unit.

16. (New) The restraint system as recited in claim 10, wherein
a time interval is provided for the output signal of the ultrasonic sensor in such a way that the
deployment criterion for the restraining device is present only when a threshold value is
exceeded at least during the time int